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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 19 and 20 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-10, 12-19 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foth (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0068045) in view of McGarvey et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0028773). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foth in view of McGarvey et al. and further in view of Taniguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,801,962).

Claim 1, as amended, claims in a client-server-document repository system, a secure method for remote action by reference, comprising: establishing a communication channel between the client and the server via one of a wireless link and a landline; sending, from the client to the server via the communication channel, user credentials pertaining to a document stored in a document repository and requesting an action be performed on the document, a delegation credential giving permission to the server to obtain the document from the document repository and permitting the server to perform the action on the document on the user's behalf and the address of the document in the document repository; verifying, at the server, the user's credentials and the delegation credential; if verified, sending, from the server to the document repository, server credentials, the delegation credential and the address of the document; verifying, at the document repository, the server's credentials and the delegation credential; if verified, sending the document from the document repository to the server; and performing the action on the document at the server.

Foth requires the user first establish communication with a database via the adaptor. In Foth, a mobile device communicates with the adaptor to allow a user to log onto a document delivery system, via the Internet, and select a document, message or the like to be printed. The adaptor or mobile device provides the Internet address of the printer to the data center, which then sends the selected documents to the printer through the adapter using the network based printing protocol. See paragraph 9 of Foth. Applicants' method includes "establishing a communication channel between the client and the server [e.g., a printer] via one of a wireless link and a landline; sending, from the client to the server via the communication channel, user credentials pertaining to a document stored in a document repository and requesting an action be

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performed on the document". Applicants' method enables a user to communicate with a printer and to direct the printer to obtain the document to be printed. Foth communicates with the data repository and directs the data repository to send the document to a printer. In Foth, the printer does not communicate with the data repository.

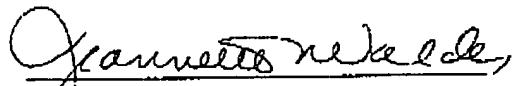
Foth teaches away from the use of delegation credentials. Since Foth teaches use of an adaptor in order for a user to log onto a document delivery system, there is no need for a delegation credential. In Foth, the user contacts the document delivery system, the user provide the address of the printer to the document delivery system, and the user directs the document delivery system to send a document to the printer. A delegation credential would not be needed by the document delivery system because the document delivery system has access to the user's credentials. It is only when Applicants' claims are read that one is taught to send the delegation credential to the printer so that the printer can obtain the document directly.

Applicants believe that Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

Reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned Attorney for Applicants, Jeannette Walder.

Respectfully submitted.

  
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